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Mr. Christopher Ratway ST Microelectrnoics, Inc. 750 Canyon Road Coppell, TX 75019

Subj: FOIA REQUEST DON-NAVY-2022-008790

Dear Mr. Ratway:

This is a final release to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the Office of Naval Research (ONR) on May 27, 2022 and given the number DON-NAVY-2022-008790. You requested DARPA's contracts, agreements, and documented grants with or to Cree Inc.'s and/or Cree Research Inc.'s labeled with, stamped with, or made pursuant to the following Contract/Grant numbers: (1) N00014-02-C-0302 and (2) N00014-02-C-0306. You also requested all documents related to Cree Inc.'s and/or Cree Research Inc.'s acceptance, fulfillment, and/or non-fulfillment of the above contracts/grants, including but not limited to reviews, presentations (including initial, subsequent, and final), and analyses of inventions disclosed to DARPA.

Your request is granted in full. We have located 509 pages that are responsive to your request. Some of those pages have been redacted under Exemption 6 of the FOIA, codified at 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) and Exemption 4 of the FOIA, codified at 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4). Since you agreed to receive clearly releasable information, we do not consider this a partial denial.

FOIA Exemption 6 allows for withholding personal information, the release of which would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Under this exemption, we are withholding handwritten signatures, telephone numbers, and other sensitive personally identifiable information (PII).

FOIA Exemption 4 allows for the withholding of trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential. Under this exemption, we are withholding proprietary/financial information.

You have the right to an appeal. Your appeal must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. You may file an appeal in one of two ways-through FOIAOnline or by mail.

1. Through FOIAOnline

You can only file an appeal through FOIAOnline if you originally filed your request through FOIAOnline and had or created an account in FOIAOnline at the time you filed your request. If you have a FOIAOnline account, log on and enter the tracking number of your request, or a keyword, in the "Search for" field. Once you find your request, click on it then on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left hand column and follow the prompts. Be sure to click "Save" when finished. FOIAOnline will then submit your appeal.

If you filed your request through FOIAOnline but do not have an account, go to FOIAOnline.gov, click the "Create Account" link in the blue banner in the upper right corner, enter your data and click "Save" at the bottom left. Once you have created an account, you may use FOIAOnline to appeal any future requests you file through FOIAOnline.

You do not need to use FOIAOnline to file an appeal; you can always mail in your appeal. If you did not file your FOIA request originally through FOIAOnline, however, you must mail in your appeal.

2. By mail.

You can mail in your appeal even if you have a FOIAOnline account and filed your FOIA request originally through FOIAOnline. But, if you did not file your FOIA request originally through FOIAOnline, you must mail in your appeal. Date your appeal letter and place it, along with a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter of denial, in an envelope marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." There is no standard format for an appeal letter, but we encourage (but do not require) you to explain in your letter why you believe our denial or redactions were inappropriate or our search was inadequate. Affix sufficient postage and address your appeal to:

Department of the Navy Office of the General Counsel 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532 Washington, DC 20350-1000

Please also provide a copy of your appeal letter to ONR at:

Office of Naval Research ATTN: FOIA Officer Room 617 875 North Randolph St. Arlington, VA 22203

I, the undersigned, have been delegated Initial Denial Authority for the purpose of this letter. If you have questions, please contact the ONR FOIA Officer at (703) 588-2968 or Melissa.a.mills43.civ@us.navy.mil or. Please reference DON-NAVY-2022-008790 in any correspondence discussing this case. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, (703)697-0031.

Sincerely,

MELISSA MILLS FOIA Officer